

# ADVERBS: YET, STILL & ALREADY



These 3 **adverbs** can cause some confusion, specially 'yet' and 'still' because in Portuguese they can mean the same: "ainda", but in English we use each one in different situations. On the other hand, 'already' means "já" and 'yet' can also mean it. As you can see the 3 adverbs are used to **specify the time** of an action saying if it was, is being or will be done. Let's see them properly!

**STILL:** is used for actions that keep happening, something that started in the past and continues until now, so we translate it as "ainda". We can also use still to indicate something that is taking more time than expected.



She is **still** living in Paris. I wanna visit her this year.



They shouldn't have broken up 'cause they **still** love each other.



Do you **still** reading that book?

**YET:** can also mean "ainda" but when we mention something that has not yet happened. We usually use it in negative and interrogative sentences and if we want to give the meaning "ainda" even the question must be negative and 'yet' comes at the end of the phrase.



The professor didn't send our grades **yet**.



Hasn't Brian called you **yet**?



Didn't you finish the book **yet**?

There's 1 situation that we can use 'yet' in an affirmative sentence but it's very formal and extremely uncommon. It has the meaning of 'still':



We have traveled a lot this year but we **have yet to visit** Cassy in New York.



We have traveled a lot this year but we **haven't visited** Cassy in New York **yet**.

We have traveled a lot this year but we **still need to visit** Cassy in New York.



Its other function is questioning if something has already happened or was done/finished, meaning "já".



Did you go to London **yet**?



Brian spoke to you **yet**?



Are you ready **yet**?

Notice that here we can translate by: "Já está pronta" or "Ainda não está pronta?"

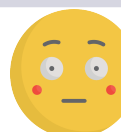
**ALREADY:** means "já" in affirmative and interrogative sentences, hardly ever in negative. It expresses situations that happened before the expected



I **already** chose your birthday gift.



Rush! The movie has **already** started.



Is he here **already**? Oh gosh! I'm not ready.